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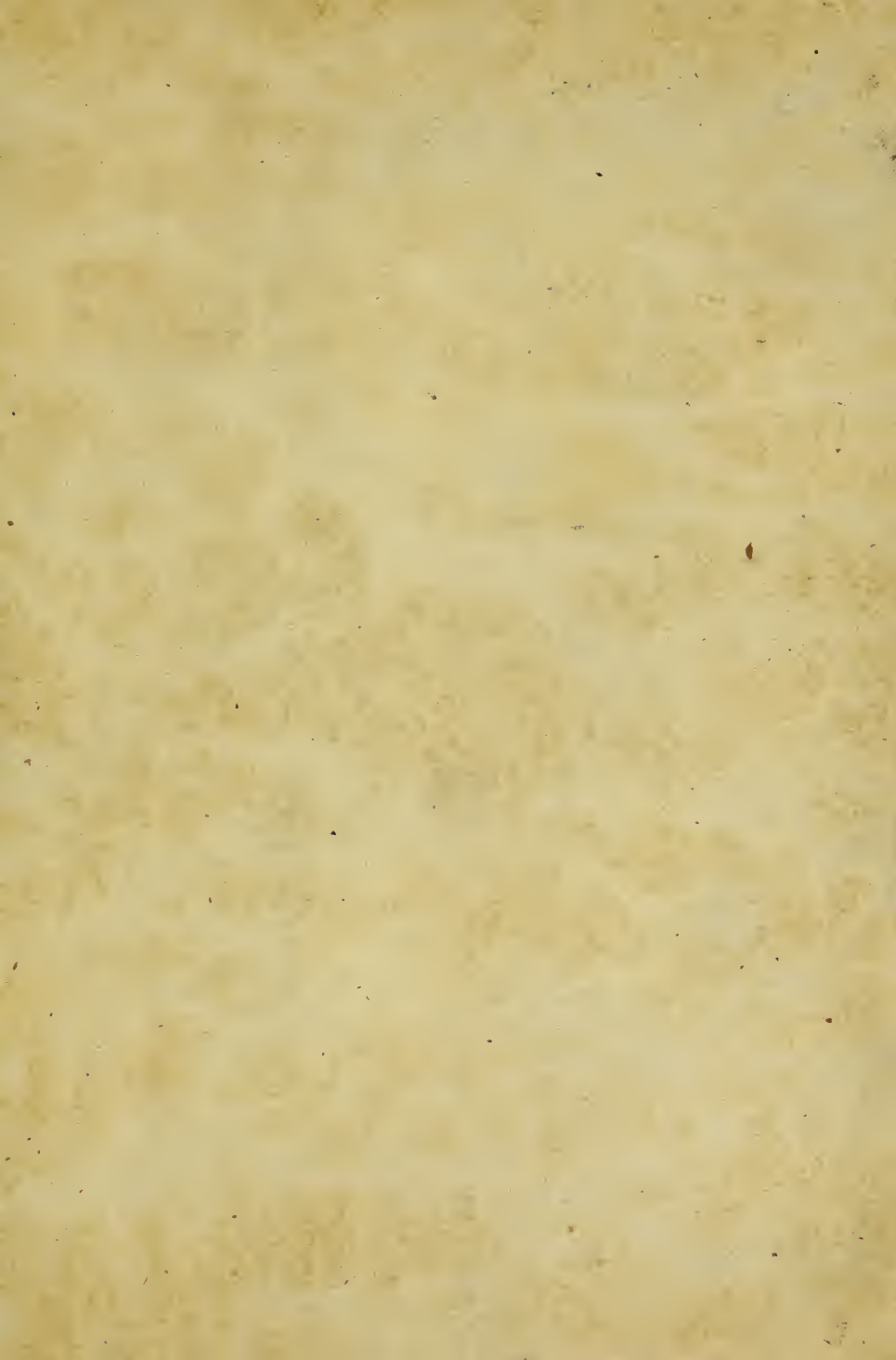
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Being a Short Narrative of Kappa Sigma's Career at  
Old Trinity, with An Account of the Fraternity  
at New Trinity to the Present Time

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## PREFACE

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In an issue of the *Star and Crescent*, March, 1906, a suggestion appeared that the early history of Eta Prime would afford a fertile field for investigation. Acting upon this suggestion, the Chapter, late in the session of 1905-6, made me Historian. Eta Prime existed at Old Trinity under its old name Eta from 1873 to 1879, then became inactive, and was revived at Trinity, Durham, N. C., in 1892. Under the instructions of the Chapter, I considered my work as Historian finished, when the period at Old Trinity had been written up and published in pamphlet form. This pamphlet came from the press on December 14, 1907.

Under the unwonted stress of a sudden and acute attack of nervous prostration, our esteemed friend and brother, William Moseley Smith, took his own life, June 27, 1907. He was an exceedingly close friend to me and to other members of this Chapter, and he was our representative at the Grand Conclave, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1906. While in college he exerted a peculiarly potent and wholesome influence throughout the entire community, being prominent especially in athletic circles. At the beginning of the present session, 1907-8, the idea of a memorial to him lay deep in the hearts of us all. On this account, with considerable aid from other members of the Chapter, I have continued this sketch of Eta Prime's history to the present time, actuated in the later period almost wholly by the hope that through it his memory might be suitably honored by me and

the other members of this Chapter. I say, without the slightest hesitation, that it has been a work of the deepest love of man for man.

By way of acknowledgments, I wish to say that Brother John R. Woodard, Jr., has cheerfully rendered me indispensable aid from the beginning of my undertaking. Also, in the later part, I am under very deep obligations to Brother Gilmer Körner, Jr. To Brother Russell D. Körner, I am indebted for exceedingly efficient stenographic work. To all others who have helped me in any way, I return my heartfelt gratitude.

JOHN COOPER WINSLOW, '08.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., March 19, 1908.

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WILLIAM MOSELEY SMITH.  
FACSIMILE OF ETA PRIME'S FIRST CHARTER.  
FOUNDER AND CHARTER MEMBERS.  
MEMBERS AT OLD TRINITY.  
MEMBERS AT OLD TRINITY.  
MEMBERS AT OLD TRINITY.  
THE "OWLS."  
CHAPTER GROUP 1907-8.







William Moseley Smith

*He did good just by living.  
To his friends he imparted courage and inspiration.  
To his teachers he accorded a cheerful responsiveness.  
To his college he gave unreserved loyalty.*



## A TRIBUTE

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Oh, Friend and Shade, afar—yet near,  
Whose presence mem'ry makes so real,  
Unfathomed spaces twixt us set,  
And yet I speak to you and feel  
As one who talks to bosom friend  
Who walks beside him in the night,  
Whose voice is heard, whose face unseen,  
Whose nearness is like gleam and light.

The springtide days are done, the life  
All prized so highly, spent, but when  
I hear these many friends  
Speak soft your name, it seems again  
You live and with us move and work.  
That blinding thought that numbed your brain,  
That hand all sick and weary and its deed—  
'Tis all forgot! And *God* does reign!

Within your days, within your life,  
There burned a pure and holy flame;  
A thousand loves encircled round  
Your being, friends that called your name  
With smiles. So short a span of days!  
I would more lived as honest and  
As brave a life. And these are blessed  
Who knew you in our honored band.

I think from out that high dim world,  
Your spirit eyes these pages see,  
You know the love that wrought the work  
We hallow to your memory.  
Oh weak memorial that we bring,  
Yet penned in strength and courage true,  
Because your spirit penetrates  
And breathes these proffered pages through.

A. SARTOR BERGHÄUSER, '08.





## AN APPRECIATION

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Trinity College has suffered greatly in recent years from the untimely death of some of her most loyal and promising alumni. The latest of these, and the youngest, was William M. Smith, whose tragic death cast a gloom over the college community. While he had not had time to give evidence of such ability as Avery, Flowers, and Bivins displayed in various ways, all who knew him in college looked forward with confidence to a life of genuine, and even brilliant, success. As he had settled down to business in Durham, there is every reason to believe that he would have been one of the most active of the local alumni, vitally interested in the future work and plans of the institution.

This confidence in his future was based upon the fact that he had for five years displayed unusual qualities of leadership in college life. He was, first of all, a faithful and successful student. He was not a "grind," nor a pedant, but he realized that his main business in college was to get an education; he did not look upon class-room work as an incident, although he was prominent in all departments of college life. His teachers recall that in the full tide of a baseball season he kept up his work surprisingly well. He knew how to concentrate his mind on the work in hand. His answers were always definite, clear-cut, incisive; he did not get everything, but what he got he mastered. On class he was always attentive, open-minded,

appreciative. He graduated *cum laude*, missing *magna cum laude* by only a fraction of a point. His coming back to take his M. A. degree was a manifestation of his desire for better training. Some of his best work was done during his graduate year. The best examination paper he ever wrote for me was his last.

His success in class-room work gave additional emphasis to his leadership in other fields of college life. He was an integral member of a community upon whose life, traditions and ideals he exercised a formative influence. He was, as this volume dedicated to his memory so well shows, one of the leaders in his fraternity. He must be reckoned as one of the two or three men who did most to put the fraternity upon its present prosperous course. Such leaders are of incalculable service to a college; they become the most valuable allies of the college administration in maintaining the proper ideals of student life.

Smith was, of course, most widely known as an athlete. It is a commonplace to say that the college never had a better shortstop or captain. His brilliant plays on the diamond are part of our athletic history. As captain for two years he won the admiration of his team and the respect of all who opposed him on the field. He was not a loud talker, nor one who was likely to antagonize an opposing team, but when situations demanded he could be firm and decisive. His true character was most evident when he was rallying his team from apparent defeat. However, it is not as an individual player or as captain that he will have his permanent place in the history of Trinity College. He must be counted along with Bradsher as one who did a great deal to support the athletic management in its insistence upon athletic reform. There are times when any student body will grow restive under strict regulations, especially when it is impossible to

get games with rival colleges, but not a word of disloyalty ever came from either of these captains; on the other hand, both of them gave the weight of their influence to the cause of pure athletics. Many will recall the speech made by Smith at the beginning of last year at the Y. M. C. A. banquet, when he stated with much emphasis and real convincing power his belief in the policy to which the athletic management was committed.

This incident suggests also that Smith was a positive force in the religious life of the community. He was not only a member and at one time an officer of the Y. M. C. A., but he was a regular attendant at President Kilgo's "class-meeting." There was in his religious faith the same positiveness of conviction, the same manly spirit, that we have noted in other phases of his character. Though he was not one of the most active workers in the annual revival meetings, he did work in private with his friends that few ever knew about. In a college community where there is an almost inevitable cleavage between two distinct types of men—sometimes called saints and sports—it means much to have a man like Smith who combines with good fellowship and jovial participation in all forms of athletic and social life, genuine piety and devotion. He was an aggressive force for righteous living.

One of the best illustrations of his power of leadership was his management of the banquet given by students of Trinity College to the delegates from other institutions at a Young Men's Christian Association Convention held here in the spring of 1907. Smith was requested to take in hand the management of the banquet. Securing the coöperation of two or three of his best friends, he went to work and within one day put through one of the most successful banquets ever

held at Trinity College. Disappointed by the failure of servants to appear, he put on an apron and himself served the cream from the kitchen, and then came into the main banquet hall and led the cheering. Certainly no more delightful occasion was ever held here, and much of its success was due to Smith's industry, common sense and good cheer.

This same spirit of business-like leadership was evidenced in his management of the *Archive*. At the time when the *Chronicle* had just been started, and some said that the *Archive* might suffer by reason of the division of advertising, he managed it with consummate success. During his graduate year he was business manager of the *South Atlantic Quarterly*, and proved himself to be a most efficient worker. Whether handling the correspondence, or sending out the magazines, or soliciting subscribers from this State and others, he was eminently successful. He never returned from one of his trips without a good batch of subscribers. The work that he did will be of permanent good, and he must be counted among those who have done most to extend the influence of the magazine.

It was in association with him in this last named work that I learned to know Smith most intimately. As a member of the Faculty I had felt the truth of all the points that have here been made; but my admiration for him was enhanced when I came to know him as a friend and companion. There was no disillusionment. No one ever knew him intimately without feeling the charm of his personality and the nobility of his character. There was a fascination about him that made him a leader in the college community as well as the hero of the little boys that played on the campus. His smiling face, his cheery voice, his buoyant faith, his masterfulness in everything he undertook, his

warmth of friendship,—all these are among the sacred inheritances of those who knew him intimately. And therefore it was with the most poignant regret that I read in a newspaper in a Western State last summer the sad account of his death. Time has not lessened this regret. It is with peculiar joy that I contemplate this volume dedicated to his memory.

EDWIN MIMS,

Professor of English Literature, Trinity College.

Hall of Zeta Chapter  
Kappa Sigma Fraternity  
University of Virginia  
3<sup>d</sup> February 1873

This is to certify that  
James H. Durham  
is a true and lawful member of the  
Zeta Chap: of Kappa Sigma Fraternity  
and is by them authorized to found a  
chapter to be called "H chapter (Hra)"  
or "A (Alpha) chap of N.C." at Trinity  
College in said state of North Carolina  
Goodwin J. H. Williams  
} Worthy Grand Master  
} of Zeta Chap K. S.

S. M. Smith  
Greensboro  
N.C. } Acting Grand Scribe  
} of Zeta Chap: K. S.

## AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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The facsimile which appears opposite is of an original document in possession of Eta Prime, and represents the first written authority upon which a Chapter of Kappa Sigma was ever established. Beta Chapter at the University of Alabama had been established in 1871, preceding Eta Prime by two years; but, while this act was authorized by vote of Zeta Chapter, no written charter was ever issued, and the Chapter was short-lived.\* This was in the days when the power to govern Kappa Sigma lay entirely in Zeta, then the Grand Chapter, before this office was abolished at the Grand Conclave at Richmond in 1878. The name Eta remained to the Trinity Chapter until 1879, when all chapters at Trinity were disbanded. In 1888 this name was given to the chapter which was established in that year at Randolph-Macon College. Accordingly then, when the original Eta was restored in

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\*"The second Chapter of this name (Beta) was located at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and was the offspring of H. Chapter, being established by Dr. W. A. Thomas, of Bartow, then of Davisboro, Ga. Founded sometime in 1875."—OLD CATALOGUE, pub. 1886. The Chapter at the University of Alabama being re-established in 1891 under its old name Beta, the name of the Chapter at Mercer University was changed to Alpha-Beta, by which name it is now known.



1892, to prevent confusion and at the same time allow the revived Chapter to retain as much as possible of the old name, Brother F. K. Farr, who was W. G. M. C. at that time, suggested that the Trinity Chapter be known as Eta Prime. The suggestion was adopted, and thus the first permanent offspring of Zeta Chapter again became marked for particular notice.

Another peculiar fact with reference to this third oldest Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity is that all the advances came from the fraternity. However, such procedure was then common among college fraternities, especially in the South. The men at Trinity that became charter members had never petitioned any fraternity for a charter, and were practically unorganized at the time of their initiation. Brother James Henry Durham, the founder of the Chapter, says that there were no negotiations between

**FOUNDING OF  
THE ORIGINAL  
ETA CHAPTER**

any member or members of Zeta Chapter, at the University of Virginia, and any students at Trinity College when he established the Trinity Chapter in 1873.

Among the active members of Zeta Chapter, during the session 1872-73, were at least four North Carolinians, Brothers Samuel Macon Smith, James Henry Durham, Francis Irwin Osborne, and Thomas Wright Strange, together with Brother Steven Alonzo Jackson, "the gol-



den-hearted Virginian," who was the most active member of the Chapter during that session. It is reasonable to suppose that the suggestion of the founding of the Chapter at Trinity College came from one of these. At this time the fraternities at the University of Virginia were especially disposed to branch out and establish chapters at other colleges. The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in particular was thought to be contemplating the establishment of a chapter at Trinity College (Alpha Tau Omega had been established at Trinity during the session of 1871-72, but this fact was not generally known at the University of Virginia), and so some of the members of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, knowing that Brother Durham had been a student at Trinity for two years, suggested at one of their informal meetings, that, as Brother Durham was going home to Wilmington, N. C., in a few days, he go by Trinity and establish this Chapter; which he did, having provided himself with the necessary authority from Zeta Chapter.

Brother Durham arrived at Trinity, February 28, 1873, on the morning mail-stage and stayed at the College only a part of one day and night, finding very few of the boys there whom he had known two years before. He did find one of his former classmates, however, Adolphus Richard Wortham, of the Junior Class, with whom he had been intimately associated during the whole of

his college life there. Brothers Durham and Wortham had been together one session in the preparatory department and one session in the college as freshmen. Brother Wortham's room became Brother Durham's headquarters and his roommate, Thomas Taylor, was promptly introduced to Kappa Sigma's representative and consulted as to the propriety of including a third party in the rites and ceremony of the Trinity Chapter at its inception. They finally decided to include a third person, but to extend the invitation no further, because the day's proceedings were necessarily hurried and the elected ones wanted time to deliberate. Brother Taylor was at that time a member of the Freshman Class, having entered Trinity from Granville County some two or three weeks before, about February 1st, as a total stranger, and had been invited to room with Brother Wortham through the instrumentality of Brother Wortham's married sister, who lived close to Brother Taylor's home.

The other member of the trio initiated by Brother Durham was a freshman, Ned H. Tucker, taking the scientific course, who was boarding at the same place with Brother Wortham and who was Brother Wortham's warm personal friend. Brother Tucker was a native of Iredell County, N. C., and, as an old chapter-mate of his says, "was a fine man." Brothers Wortham, Taylor, and Tucker, all, were members of

the Hesperian Literary Society, of which society Brother Durham had also been a member; so that night they were taken to the Hesperian Hall, duly initiated and appointed to offices as follows: Adolphus Richard Wortham, G. M.; Thomas Taylor, G. M. C.; and Ned H. Tucker, G. S. No one of these can properly be called the first initiate, because Brother Durham administered the oath, delivered his instructions from Zeta Chapter, and outlined the fraternity work to them all at the same time. All this was done, though, only after Brother Durham had obtained permission from Dr. Craven, president of the college, for the existence and legitimate growth of the new Chapter.

At that time Trinity College was located at the small village of Trinity, Randolph County, N. C., five miles from High Point, and had about two hundred matriculates. There

**POLICY OF THE  
NEW CHAPTER**

were already two fraternities at Trinity—Chi Phi, introduced in 1871, and Alpha Tau Omega in 1872. Kappa Sigma was not introduced in opposition to these fraternities in any sense, but because it was recognized that there was room in college for another. Neither Brother Wortham, nor Taylor, nor Tucker was a member of any fraternity or club at the time of his initiation except that each was a member of the Hesperian Literary Society. On account of the high standing of the charter

members of the new Chapter there was no trouble in getting good men to join, and in a short time there were some ten or twelve of the best men in college associated with them. The policy of this Chapter from the very first was to exercise the greatest care in the selection of the very best men and to solicit only those who were of the highest moral and social standard. The Chapter's members were expected to aid in the development of a high type of life in the college, and so to conduct themselves that the words Kappa Sigma and gentlemen should be synonymous. For this reason the Chapter met with a most cordial reception from both Faculty and students. For some time the Chapter's meetings were held in the Hesperian Hall, but afterwards changed to a room, in the main college building, which was set apart for the fraternity's use. This room was on the third floor, in the southeast corner, directly opposite the Chi Phi room. These two fraternities, therefore, agreed never to meet on the same night, and, in case of call-meetings for the same night, the fraternity that posted its notice first on the bulletin board should have precedence.

At the time of Kappa Sigma's advent, Trinity College was practically a new field for fraternities. Chi Phi was then considered to have the ranking chapter in the college, but there were quite a number of first-rate men who had

no fraternal obligations whatever. The charter members of the old Eta proceeded with conservative enthusiasm and found their way open to Chapter success. It must be borne in mind that at this time the old Eta and Zeta really composed the entire Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Realizing that the Chapter must stand almost unaided, and that their future work must be purely constructive, the charter members of the old Eta disregarded all except the surest foundation. It is a noteworthy fact that, while no seniors were initiated during this first session, five out of the nine men who composed the Chapter during the spring of '73 became college graduates.

After the accomplishment of his mission at Trinity, Brother Durham proceeded to Wilmington, N. C., and soon returned to the University of Virginia. The fraternity continued its policy of extension, so that seven more chapters were established before the disbanding of the Chapter at Trinity College in 1879. Before the disbanding of the old Eta Chapter in the fall of 1879, there was no medium of communication among the chapters except by private letter—*The Kappa Sigma Quarterly*, the first Kappa Sigma magazine, not being established until the Lynchburg Conclave in 1885. At this time all chapters reported regularly to Zeta Chapter or to the Supreme Executive Committee, but, when the general magazine was started in 1885, this custom

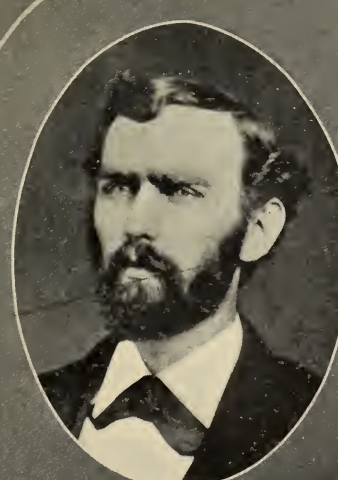
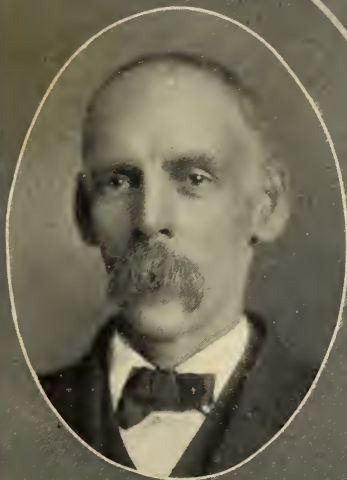
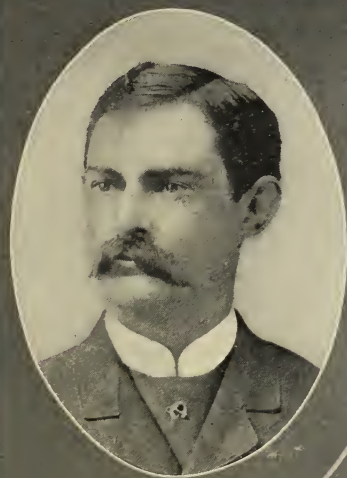
was dropped and chapter letters were substituted. Brother Thomas Taylor does not remember that any Kappa Sigma from another chapter ever visited the Trinity Chapter after Brother Durham founded it, but a voluminous correspondence was kept up with the mother chapter.

With no manual of college fraternities and the whole fraternity system veiled, as it were, in mystery, there was no general knowledge of the college fraternity, especially in

**EARLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ZETA AND THE OLD ETA**

the South. The mother chapter's relations with the old Eta were probably always cordial, but never intimate. Out of the early records of the Trinity Chapter, most of which have been lost, the old constitution and initiation ceremony have been preserved, together with the following greetings, from Zeta, all in manuscript: "The makers of our badge are Samuel Kirk and Sons, No. 72 Balt St., Baltimore, Md. Their price is \$8.00 [*covered with \$15.00 in pencil*] each. The getting of the badge is of course optional, but it would be best for every member to have one. The Z chapter will always give you their best wishes and hearty coöperation, and would now bid you Godspeed and go on building up the Chapter in your college which shall be second to none in the fraternity. As soon as you have framed your by-laws you will send a copy of them to Goodwin H. Williams, University of





FOUNDER AND CHARTER MEMBERS

James Henry Durham  
Thomas Taylor

Adolphus Richard Wortham  
Ned H. Tucker





Virginia, to meet the approval of Z chap; your mother chapter. We will always be glad to give you any information in our power which you may desire. Yrs. in K. S., S. M. Smith, University of Virginia."

In the seventies, Trinity College was a church school of very meager resources; in fact, it was understood to be rather deeply in debt, though not embarrassingly so, and was composed of three departments, preparatory, law and academic. There was only one large building, containing lecture rooms, chapel, offices and society halls. This was situated in a beautiful forest country and was the nucleus of a village of about three hundred people, composed mainly of the families of the professors and their kinspeople. This was considered a good-sized village, for the towns in North Carolina at that time were so few and so small that a person's place of residence was usually designated by the county in which he lived. There was no regular library during the whole history of the college in Randolph County, nor was there a gymnasium until late in the seventies. The college had no dormitory facilities, so the students roomed and boarded in private families or at small hotels run as private enterprises. The institution was not coeducational, but some of the young ladies of the immediate vicinity, of whom there were

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very few, were educated there. It offered no graduate courses, but conferred the degree of M. A. regularly, as an honorary degree, and, occasionally, for the completion of an unusually large amount of undergraduate work. Although the grade of the institution steadily improved during this time, its enrollment as steadily decreased, until at the beginning of the eighties it amounted to barely more than a hundred.

What circumstances led to the introduction of the college fraternity system at Trinity, and in what spirit this introduction took place is uncertain, but nothing is more certain than that the opportunity to inaugurate Kappa Sigma there came as a pleasant surprise to the charter members of the old Eta. Nor did the occasion and the opportunity ever come together more happily. The close association of Trinity students, living so much together, and away from other than the college influences, as they did at that time, was peculiarly suited to those relations which are productive of the highest fraternity feeling. The Hesperian and the Columbian Literary Societies constituted by far the most prominent feature of student life and were carefully fostered by the college authorities. These societies offered medals in debating and oratory and possessed elegantly furnished rooms with good libraries. Moreover, scholarship, in a somewhat old sense of the word, was a much more prominent feature of

college life than it is now. Then, as now, commencement was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the college session and was largely attended from Greensboro and other near places. A banquet was always given by the college in honor of each graduating class.

At this period intercollegiate athletics were unknown to Trinity students, as far as participation is concerned, but an immense amount of interest was taken in class games, especially in baseball. On account of the meager preparatory facilities in the South, and on account of the results of the Civil War, Trinity students were, as a class, older than they have ever been since. They had to originate all their diversions, and they considered themselves at liberty to play all kinds of pranks. Many were the feasts they had by night with chickens and apples culled from neighboring premises, nor were the raids which always preceded these feasts considered other than as a matter of course. Greensboro was a kind of students' Mecca, and the boys used to run off there as often as they could without their absence being detected by the college authorities. Some of them would have kept livery teams of their own, had it not been against the rules of the college. 'Possum and bird hunting were also favorite amusements. Trinity students then had a weekly holiday and were compelled to go to chapel. After the college was moved to Dur-

ham, however, the holiday was abandoned and the college work was distributed throughout six days in the week, but a remnant of the old holiday idea remains in the fact that no chapel services have ever been held on Saturday. The students watched for the arrival of the mail as the principal event of each day. There was no railroad closer than five miles, and so the mail came to the college by stage, being brought twice a day.

In accordance with the leading suggestion in Zeta's greetings to the Chapter, given above, the initial care of the first three Trinity Kappa Sigmas was to secure badges. A few days after Brother Durham's departure three badges were ordered from Baltimore and received at Trinity in a reasonable time, costing each of the three members nine dollars. Brother Thomas Taylor still has his badge, and prizes it very highly. He relates that not long after these first badges were received, a member left his badge on a large linen duster which he was accustomed to wear and that a student whom they never thought of taking in, put on the duster plus the badge (not knowing nor appreciating the significance of it) and wore it until the badge had been observed by several other students and members of the other fraternities. The Kappa Sigmas were twitted with having taken in such a person and explanations were consequently forthcoming. This incident made

the Chapter more guarded than otherwise it might have been in its selection of pledges and in the care of the emblem. It showed that the new fraternity was being closely watched by the others and that a misstep would lead to deterioration and dissolution.

The matter of by-laws was then taken up. A code was drawn up and a copy sent to Zeta Chapter, but most of the by-laws were a matter of growth, and the suggestions of Zeta were adopted at various times. As one result of Brother Durham's very efficient instruction in the purposes of fraternity work, no internal dissention was ever tolerated in the Chapter. A provision was early incorporated in the by-laws, that in case of a protracted and ill-natured dispute or disagreement between two members, in which the members refused to be reconciled, the members should be required to resign from the fraternity in due form, but a unanimous vote by secret ballot was required to accept this resignation. This law never had to go into operation in any instance, but it had a salutary effect in doing away with disputes over trivial matters. The by-laws also provided, among other things, that absence from a meeting without an acceptable excuse should be attended by a fine of one dollar.

Brother Durham had left with the new Chapter a copy of the constitution of the fraternity, one provision of which was that not more than one

person should be elected to membership in the order at a single meeting, and that no other election for membership should be held until that person should have been duly initiated or should have signified his unwillingness to enter the fraternity. This provision enabled each member to vote on every subsequent candidate. When a new man was initiated, some member loaned the initiate his badge until the new man could get one of his own, just as the present custom is in this matter. George David Tysor, a classmate of Brother Wortham, became the fourth member of the Chapter and that not until about two weeks after Brother Durham had left. The five other members during the session of 1872-73 were: Julius L. Holmes (deceased), '75, a sophomore and law student from Cotton Grove, N. C.; William Anderson Thomas, '76, a freshman from Davisboro, Ga., who afterwards established Kappa Sigma at Mercer University, graduated there and studied medicine at the University of Virginia, being there an affiliate of Zeta; he stayed at the University of Virginia only one session and completed his course at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia; Thomas Edward Kirkpatrick, '75, a sophomore and resident of Charlotte, N. C.; Rufus Basom Kearans (deceased), '75, a sophomore and resident at Trinity; James Williamson Dillon, '75, a sophomore and resident of Brunswick, Ga. Of the three

charter members Brothers Wortham and Tucker are deceased.

The young Chapter rapidly waxed strong and prospered. One of its early schemes was to establish a chapter at Raleigh, N. C., to draw its membership from the alumni and ex-students of Trinity College who lived there. Permission to do this was obtained from Zeta Chapter, and all arrangements were completed by Brother Thos. Taylor to go to Raleigh and establish the proposed chapter, but for some unknown reason this was never done.

The different chapters at Old Trinity tried to work together in harmony. Soon after the introduction of Kappa Sigma, they each appointed a committee of three to meet together and draw up articles. They agreed to preserve a uniform practice in "all elections in the Literary Societies, or in the election of Marshal or Manager," and to keep their agreement secret. This agreement was entered into in a spirit of fairness of the fraternities towards one another, and it was laxness in its enforcement that finally led to their disbanding in 1879.

As for the history of the Chapter from the session of 1873-74 to the latter part of 1878 we have very few definite facts, since the minutes



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of this period have been destroyed or lost, but we do know that it was in a flourishing condition, and that it kept in close contact with the parent chapter. The members who are living at present and who were in the Chapter during this period speak very enthusiastically of the many good times they had, and love to relate the sweet memories of those good old times. There is no doubt that the Chapter was at the height of prosperity at each one of the intervening sessions spoken of and that the members were of the best type of young manhood, as is evidenced by the fact that these men now occupy positions of honor and respect throughout the South. Thos. Taylor, who graduated in 1875 and who was considered a kind of a guardian of the Chapter, attended the three following commencements after his graduation and kept in close contact with the members. He says he always found the Chapter in good condition, and that they quite often wrote to him. Dr. E. T. White, of the class of 1878, after he had been out of college some time, was once asked if he had ever known Thos. Taylor. His reply was, "Yes, he partly raised me."

In fact it is the memory of such characters as Thos. Taylor that causes so many of the older members to write enthusiastically about those former days. Brother G. D. Tysor, who gradu-





MEMBERS AT OLD TRINITY

George David Tysor  
William Alexander Thomas  
James Lucius Craven

Herbert Edmund Norris  
Peter Edmund Hines  
William Parker Mercer



ated in 1874, says: "Well, well, Tom Taylor, Tom Taylor, too goody good old Tom. Why, yes, he was a great good old grand-mama and, I can see the boys all holding to his skirts and confessing their sins and taking such medicine as Tom thought best to administer. Dear Brother Tom! I wish I could shake his honest old hand and see him puff away at his old cob pipe. May he live long!" Many of the informal meetings were held in Thos. Taylor's room. The boys never made any attempt to have an exclusive boarding place, but they soon found themselves all boarding at one Mrs. Leak's home, who was very good to all of them. As a whole the student life was one of application, and "very few were disposed to go on foraging expeditions during the dead hours of the night, yet it is true that occasionally some very clever boys would pull a fat hen off some foreign roost and bake her before a roasting fire until the tender meat would mingle delightfully with boarding house biscuits." As for paraphernalia, this was rather scanty, although the regular meeting room in the Main Building was fixed up very nicely for carrying on business.

During the session of 1877-78 the college management had some considerable improvements done on the campus and buildings. There was a new wing built to the Main Building, the

lower floor being the gymnasium and the upper floor the chapel. It was in the gymnasium that the banquet of the Chapter was held in the spring of 1879. There was quite a noted caterer at High Point, N. C., who served this banquet. Most of the girls for this occasion came from Thomasville and Greensboro.

Dr. Craven, in order to get the different societies of the college to take an interest in beautifying the campus, extended to them the privilege of placing any floral design representing their insignia on the campus. The members of Kappa Sigma were very eager to take advantage of this opportunity. Brother Norris was the committee from Eta to speak to the President in regard to the Chapter placing a design in the shape of the fraternity badge. He was the first of any of the committees to speak to Dr. Craven, and consequently secured the most desirable place for the same, which was directly in front of the Main Building. Shells were brought from the eastern part of the State to beautify the design.

The minutes of "Eta Prime" for the session of 1878-79 show that the Chapter numbered at least fifteen active members at the close of the session.

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DURING THE  
SESSION OF  
1878-79**

These members were as follows: Thomas Wesley Taylor, Thomas Neal Ivey, Frank Haywood Taylor, Herbert Edmund Norris, Edwin Gibbons Moore, William

Throop Lyon, Thomas Raybon Pepper, Dabney Belvin Rinehart, Fletcher D. Biggs, B. H. Sharpe, Amos Frederick Becton, Daniel Elijah Perry, William Henry Nicholson, Benjamin Franklin Lane, and James Clarence Fink, the last nine being initiated during that session, in the order named. From the minutes of the first meeting of the session, dated September 30, 1878, we quote: "All spent a pleasant time talking of Kappa Sigma's great success and achievements, and determining how we could start work for the coming year. After quite a lengthy debate upon the subject, the fraternity adjourned to commence our regular work at the next meeting." (Signed) T. W. Taylor, W. G. M.; H. E. Norris, G. M. C.; T. N. Ivey, G. T.; E. G. Moore, G. S. From the minutes of November 9, 1878, we quote: "Under the head of General Business it was moved and passed that the W. G. M. appoint a committee to confer with other Fraternities on the propriety of getting up a Magazine, a thing that will be interesting and instructive, and through which we may know how other Fraternities are progressing, for which purpose Bros. Norris and Moore were appointed.\* A committee consisting of Bros. Norris, Pepper and Moore was appointed to bring up the shells belonging to the K. S. badge from Dr. Craven's room." From

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\*This was the first proposition for inter-fraternity journalism of which the writer has any knowledge.

the minutes of December 7, 1878, we quote: "The committee appointed to get the shells from Dr. Craven's room reported that they had brought them up. Also Bro. Norris, the chairman of the committee appointed to communicate with the old members of the Fraternity concerning the Magazine, reported that he had written to several of them and that he had received letters from Bro. Wortham and Taylor expressing their views upon the subject. Bro. Norris then offered some Resolutions of the Fraternity which on motion were accepted, and it was decided that they should be printed and sent to other chapters of the K. S. Fraternity. The business being too much for a committee of two to attend to, Bro. Ivey was appointed as the third. Under the head of General Business, it was proposed that the Fraternity meet twice a week, Thursday and Saturday nights. It was also proposed in order to interest the members of the Fraternity that one of the members should deliver an Oration for the good of the order at every regular meeting, and was carried by a vote of three to two. Bro. Ivey was appointed to deliver an Oration at the next meeting." From the minutes of March 29, 1879, we quote: "The Fraternity decided that all should meet next Saturday to complete the Badge in the campus." From the minutes of April 16, 1879, we quote: "Since it has been a matter of some difficulty to get the Badge wa-

tered, it was determined that the members of the Fraternity should be divided into companies of three each, and that they should water it each evening successively. The Fraternity then went into the election of Speakers for the Banquet occasion, which resulted as follows: To deliver the address—W. B. Mercer, Farewell—Thos. N. Ivey, Reply—E. G. Moore.” From the minutes of April 26, 1879, we quote: “Under the head of Report of Committees, Bro. Moore made a report as follows: To defray the expense of the Banquet that a tax of \$2.00 PER CAPITA be levied which report was received. Under the head of General Business, Bro. Moore made a motion that we elect a member of the Senior Class to deliver an Address of Welcome at the Banquet which was carried, the Fraternity then proceeded to the election, which resulted in the election of H. E. Norris. Bro. Moore also read a letter from Bro. Page, W. G. S. of Kappa Sigma, in which he sent his congratulations and best wishes for the Chapter’s success. On motion a recess was declared, after which the house was called to order and the Banquet tickets were distributed.”

It was during this same session of 1878-79 that those conditions were brought about that led to the disbanding of the Chapter. Brother Thos.



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W. Taylor relates that until 1878 the fraternities were run solely as social organizations. At the commencement of that year, being at the end of the session of 1877-78, there arose a dispute over the awarding of the debater's medal in the Hesperian Literary Society. The originator of the dispute was a member of the Chi Phi, who claimed that the non-fraternity men were discriminating against the members of his fraternity. The dispute grew in intensity during the ensuing session of 1878-79, and for self-protection the fraternities combined against those who did not belong to these organizations. The outsiders then formed an organization, obtained a charter from Phi Delta Theta, and initiated nearly every outsider in college, solely for the purpose of gaining numerical strength with no regard to the social features. This brought about a bitter fight with the other fraternities over every honor that the literary societies bestowed. In the spring of 1879 Dr. Craven attended the General Methodist Conference at Atlanta, Georgia, and was absent from college for four or five weeks. During that time the election for Chief Marshal and Manager for the ensuing Commencement came off. George M. Bulla, of High Point, N. C., organizer of the Phi Delta Thetas, and Evans Tanner, of Sassafras Fork, N. C., a member of Chi Phi, were candi-



dates for the same office, and by aid of the Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta fraternities, Bulla was elected. Just why the Alpha Tau Omegas joined in with the Phi Delta Thetas is not known. Bulla's combination was too strong for the other two fraternities, and encouraged by this circumstance, he also ran for the presidency of the Hesperian Literary Society. This was contrary to custom and considered an outrage on account of Dr. Craven's absence. Tanner was the rival candidate against Bulla in this contest also. F. H. Taylor, a brother of T. W. Taylor, and a member of Kappa Sigma, though not a member of either literary society, was a good friend of Tanner and offered to join the Hesperian Literary Society solely for the purpose of voting for him. Bulla and his crowd contended that as F. H. Taylor would cast the deciding vote in the contest he had no right to join for that purpose. The candidates then called in Professor Carr to settle the dispute. The Professor took the ground that F. H. Taylor had a perfect right to join unless it was shown that he was socially or morally unfitted. The next vote on F. H. Taylor's name as a candidate for membership in the literary society was put on these grounds. The society rejected him a second time. Bulla was elected contrary to all precedent simply by the mass of the two fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega,

combined for that purpose. When Dr. Craven returned he was so incensed that he determined to disband all the fraternities and would doubtless have done so in the following year if the fraternities had not disbanded by agreement at the beginning of the next session.

At Commencement of 1879 there was a meeting of some of the alumni of Trinity College. Of course the disturbance in the societies spoken of above was still fresh in the minds of those interested in the welfare of the college. At this meeting of the alumni one of them who had not been a member of any of the fraternities made a very strenuous speech against the further existence of the fraternities at Trinity and made a motion that the alumni send in a petition to the Board of Trustees to perfect the purpose of his speech. Professor W. H. Pegram, a Chi Phi alumnus and a member of the Faculty, opposed this plan, but proposed that a committee be appointed to confer with representatives of the different fraternities with the view of getting them to disband of their own accord. Professor Pegram's proposition was adopted and he, with one other alumnus, was appointed to confer with representatives. This was so near the end of the year that nothing could be done at that time. So at the beginning of the following session Professor Pegram conferred with one member of each of the fraternities whom he considered the leader of his respec-



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Edward Bascom Claywell  
Julius L. Holmes  
Sherrod Thomas Hall

James F. Tanner  
Herbert Milton Barrow  
Robert Henry Hargrove



tive chapter. In each case this was done without the knowledge of the other fraternities until the Professor found that they were all willing to disband. Then he had the different fraternities to enter into an agreement not to initiate any more men and thus let the respective chapters cease to exist in the college.

After the three chapters of fraternities at Old Trinity were compelled to disband in the fall of 1879, the fraternity idea languished. Member-

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OF THE "DEVIL'S THIRTEEN"**

ship in one or the other of the two literary societies was made almost compulsory by the Faculty with the purpose of keeping down the fraternity spirit. During the ensuing period of about ten years, the college experienced a sort of slump due to lack of support and to situation remote from the public. In the fall of 1890, however, almost coincident with the agitation of questions concerning great improvement in the college, the fraternity idea began unconsciously to reassert itself for the first time. During the session of 1890-91, some time before or after the Christmas holiday period, some of the students were very much surprised one morning at chapel to find quite a number of seniors ostentatiously wearing a badge or emblem of some society not previously known at college. This society took the name "9019," and kept itself shrouded in mystery as much as possible.

Thomas Cowper Daniels, David Anderson Houston, and Fred Harper were among the few seniors who did not have this badge on. There were a number of students in the other classes who were surprised and, perhaps, piqued at being left out of an organization that sported so pretty a badge. Naturally these outsiders drifted into frequent discussions of the new organization, and a few choice fellows finally, in a spirit of devilry, organized, secretly, a society known as the "Devil's Thirteen," which had practically no aim or object, except to get the most fun possible out of the situation.

One night, during the early part of the year 1891, Daniels, Houston and Harper, with several others, were returning from a raid of some kind when the spirit moved them to organize secretly. They went immediately to Daniels' room, discussed the matter, and appointed a committee to get up a prospectus and constitution for the proposed society, and to report in one week. These fellows were an exceedingly congenial lot who had been going together during that and the previous session. Their organization was spontaneous, was not in opposition to anything, and was not for the purpose of getting into a fraternity. Daniels, Houston and Harper were classmates and all graduated at Old Trinity with the class of 1891.

At the end of one week, the committee re-



ported satisfactorily, and the question of a name for the society became in order. It was the fancy and suggestion of Frank Armfield to adopt the name "Devil's Thirteen," and to meet in a place to be called "Hell's Hollow." This suggestion was adopted and the number of members was afterwards raised and limited to thirteen. A deep ravine back of Dr. Craven's house was selected for "Hell's Hollow." In this ravine was a small unfinished tobacco barn built of logs. The barn had not been far enough finished to have any place cut out for a door or to have any roof, so the boys used to climb down into it over the walls to hold their meetings, until the haunted cottage was discovered. The early initiations were carried on in Mrs. Albright's barn, owing to the unsuitableness of "Hell's Hollow" for such purposes. In the early part of the same winter, about the time of the first snow, some of the boys were prowling around in the woods one day and came upon a deserted cottage which looked good to them for a meeting place, because "Hell's Hollow" was too much exposed to the cold weather. This cottage was about two miles from the college, and was considered haunted, by the people of the neighborhood, so that no one would go near it at night. The boys rented this cottage from its owner for \$2.00 a month, and kept it for a meeting place. Their purpose developed to perpetuate the society as a sophomore

organization, and they soon began to observe a regular form in conducting their meetings. In getting up their secret work, Daniels procured the assistance of a Skull and Bones man, an alumnus of Yale. This secret work was very highly prized by the members and the secrecy of the organization cannot be too greatly emphasized. Before long the existence of such an organization was rumored, but the identity of its members was not divulged for several years.

During the early days of the organization a lecturer came to Trinity College and related an incident of his college career in which a society was formed for the promotion of impromptu speaking. The members would meet and each would secretly write upon a slip of paper a subject. These slips would then be shaken up in a hat, the roll called, and as his name was called, each member would go to the hat and draw out a slip. He was compelled, under penalty, to deliver a five minutes talk upon the subject he found written on the slip he had drawn. This idea was appropriated by the members of the "Devil's Thirteen," and it was decided to enlarge the society, change its name to the

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"Owls," and have for the main feature of its meetings this literary impromptu speaking. At one of the meetings some one spoke on the subject of Greek letter fraternities and advocated trying to get



into one of them. This matter was discussed at various times and several letters were written to different fraternities, but none of them wanted to come in *sub rosa*, so nothing ever came of this, because faculty opposition to fraternities precluded the possibility of acting openly with any degree of success.

In order to preserve the secrecy of the identity of the members in soliciting new members, they followed the plan of sending an unsigned, printed letter to the proposed candidate, inviting him to join, and enclosing an emblem for him to wear in case of his acceptance. If he wore the emblem, they would send him a second similar letter instructing him where to be on some appointed night. The place of initiation would then be surrounded by sentries. No word was spoken during the initiation. The candidate was met by the first sentry and passed on by him to the second and on to the third. The third sentry blindfolded the candidate and led him to the meeting place. The members all wore masks and black gowns and were provided with whistles which they used for carrying out a regular code of signals. All this precaution was necessary in order to keep them from being followed and spied upon.

This organization never did assume any very stable form. During its existence, it probably had in all as many as forty members. The prime movers gradually lost interest when the number

of members became so large. The integrity of the organization seemed to have been lost, its vitality gradually seeped away, and it perished, probably soon after the college was moved to Durham in the fall of 1892.

The story of the "Devil's Thirteen" has no place in the history of Eta Prime Chapter, except inasmuch as two of the founders of this society, Thomas Cowper Daniels, '91, and David Anderson Houston, '91, became charter members of the revived Chapter at Durham, N. C., in 1892, after Fred Harper, '91, another of the founders of this society, had become a Kappa Sigma at the University of Virginia. Several others who had been members of the "Owls," at least, were also initiated into the revived Chapter. During the session of 1891-92, Daniels and Harper remained at Trinity as law students, and Houston remained as an assistant in the Commercial Department.

At the beginning of the session 1892-93, Fred Harper went to the University of Virginia to study law, while Daniels and Houston remained at Trinity College. During the session of 1891-92, Daniels, Houston, Harper, and Davis, '94, with others, had petitioned Phi Delta Theta for a charter, but owing to the fact that the college was on the eve of being moved to Durham, N. C., and the necessarily

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RE-ESTABLISH-  
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chaotic conditions incident thereto, this petition was not granted. Also, when Harper did not return to Trinity College in the session of 1892-93, Daniels, Houston, and Davis, '94, withdrew from this petition. Harper was initiated into Kappa Sigma at the University of Virginia on October 11, 1892, and immediately he and some others of the active members of Zeta Chapter became active in an effort to reestablish the Chapter formerly at Trinity, as is shown by the letters quoted below :

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,  
Tuesday Oct. 12, '92.

*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Virginia:*

DEAR BRO. MARTIN:—I wrote you last Saturday or Sunday in regard to placing a Chapter at Trinity College, N. C., but as I have received no answer from you as yet, I write again and ask that you will please answer by return mail.

We succeeded in convincing Mr. Harper, of Trinity College, that our Fraternity was the fraternity, although he was closely followed by several others, and last night he was initiated into the secrets of the order and right nobly did *William* do his part.

He is very enthusiastic and says he knows of eight men who will join, if they can get a Charter, and besides that we are going to try and make it open and above board—no *sub rosa*, if we can help it, but if necessary, why then *sub rosa*. I know some of the men he proposes and they are good men. Now, if we are going to act, it must be at once, for Phi Delta Theta is trying to get there ahead of us. If this meets your approbation, signify by returning to me

in your letter a blank for application. If necessary I think you would be justified in telegraphing the S. E. C. at their expense.

And if you decide to grant the Charter, who will go down and do the work? There is an old K. S. in the town, so only two men would be necessary. Could not you be one of them?

I hope to get better success from this than from the Washington Chapter. Yours in K. S.

A. J. WITTON.\*

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, Oct. 19, '92.

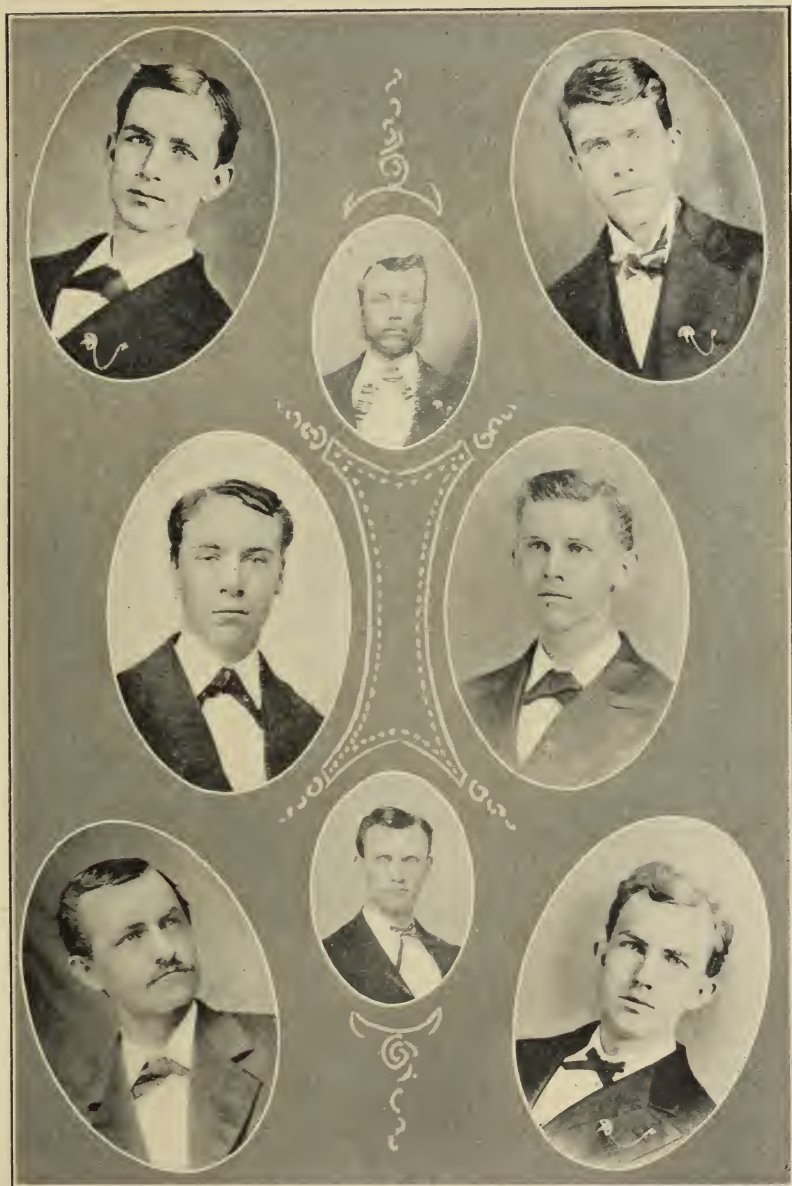
*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Virginia:*

DEAR BROTHER:—I received a communication from a friend of mine at Trinity College, N. C., saying he has five men and wants a Chapter of K. S. I told him to send the petition to you and you would attend to it.

I know all the boys he mentioned save one. I have attended college with all, save that one, and I can most unreservedly recommend them individually as the most companionable sort of fellows in this wide world. They were all of them "chums" of mine while I was at Trinity. Daniels is the best all-round athlete in the South undoubtedly. He is a Ph. B. from Trinity and is back taking law. He is about 22 years old. Houston is an A. B. from Trinity, is about 21 years old, and is taking a post-graduate course in Political Economy. His family is one of the best in Monroe, N. C., as Daniels' is in New Bern. Davis is perhaps the sportiest, best young fellow in Trinity today. His family is all that could be desired and K. S. can't find

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\*Albert Jackson Wittson was an initiate of Delta Chapter and a resident of Greensboro, N. C.



MEMBERS AT OLD TRINITY

William Streety Hales

Edmund Thomas White

John D. Hargrove

R. B. Barefoot

Grandison Christian Edwards

Charles North Mason

William Parsons Ivey

Yancey Thomas Ormond



a better man. Rowland is another whom I will vouch for most earnestly. He plays on Trinity's football team and is an honor man. His family is one of the best in Vance County. The other man, Harrison, I do not know, but I'll answer for any man they want. They say he has plenty of money and promises well in college. There is but one frat in Trinity now, A. T. O. (*sub rosa*), but there is one S. A. E. and one Beta Theta Pi, and if we want the start we had better not hesitate. These boys say they want a frat and if K. S. will not give them a Charter they will apply for another, they want K. S. because I am one.

Trinity bids fair to become the best college in the South, as indeed she is already in the State. They will not have to go *sub rosa* and I earnestly recommend a speedy grant of a charter.

Fraternally,  
FRED HARPER.

NORTH DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 20, 1892.

*Mr. Thos. Daniels, Trinity College:*

DEAR SIR:—My good friend and brother in Kappa Sigma, Fred Harper, of U. of Va., has just written that you, together with four friends, Messrs. Houston, Davis, Rowland, and Harrison, wish to secure a charter for a Chapter of Kappa Sigma at Trinity College. Knowing Trinity to be the leading institution in the State and among the best in the South, and further, having a high regard for Harper's judgment of men who are worthy and well qualified to enter the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, I will be free to say to you that I am ready for my part to endorse your petition for a charter, and that there need be no trouble in your securing the same. To this end I ask that you forward the petition to me and I will at once take steps to insure prompt action upon the part of the Supreme



Executive Committee of the Fraternity. Many of the preliminaries usually gone through with in regard to granting a charter may be dispensed with in this case, since we know our ground so well.

I see no reason why your Chapter should not be in good running order within the month. This, however, depends in a large degree upon the promptness with which you send the petition asking for the charter.

You may not have been told that one of the strongest and most successful of our Chapters was once located at Trinity. It had upwards of fifty names upon its roll when those iron-clad anti-fraternity laws caused its death. I am rejoiced that we are soon to see our old Eta Chapter revived, a thing I have long been wishing to see.

Do you remember when Trinity first played the U. of Va. in Richmond,\* and that after the game several Randolph-Macon students were up in your room at the hotel? I was among the number, and am glad to feel that we may become more fully known to each other within a short time.

Awaiting an early reply from you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

HERBERT M. MARTIN.

NORTH DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 20, 1892.

*Dr. Jas. H. Durham, Wilmington, N. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—We are about to revive the old Eta Chapter at Trinity College and wish to reissue the Charter with the names of those charter

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\*The first game between Trinity College and the University of Virginia, played at Richmond, was in the fall of 1890. Trinity was defeated, but she won from the University of Virginia the next year and held the championship of the South in football. During the next year, session 1891-92, Thomas Cowper Daniels was captain of the football team.



members appearing who composed the Chapter when you established it on February 28, 1873. The records do not show who were the charter members, and hence I write to you, hoping that you may be able to tell me who they were, since the honor was yours of establishing the Chapter. I give below the names of those who composed the Trinity Chapter during the first year of its existence, and from the number you may be able to pick those who were the charter members or were initiated on the day you established the Chapter.

I will inform you of the day set for the reestablishment of the Chapter and hope you may find it convenient to be with us in Durham on that occasion. Awaiting an early reply from you, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
HERBERT M. MARTIN, W. G. S.

MEMBERS OF ETA CHAPTER, TRINITY COLLEGE  
SESSION 1873-'74.

P. S.—Thos. Taylor, Townesville, N. C.; A. R. Worthingam, Henderson, N. C.; Ned H. Tucker, Olive, N. C.; P. E. Hines, Toisnot, N. C.; Geo. D. Tysor, Fair Haven, N. C.; Wm. P. Mercer, Toisnot, N. C.; T. E. Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, N. C.; E. B. Claywell, Morganton, N. C.; J. W. Dillon, Brunswick, Ga.; J. L. Holmes, Trinity College, N. C.; R. B. Keerans, Trinity College, N. C.; J. L. Craven, Trinity College, N. C.; W. A. Thomas, Bartow, Ga.; S. Thos. Hall, Davisboro, Ga.; J. F. Tanner, Sandersville, Ga.; R. B. Barefoot, Wilson, N. C.

HENDERSON, N. C., Oct. 24, 1892.

*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Virginia:*

DEAR SIR:—The above letter has been sent me for a reply. Charter members you will find to have been

Thos. Taylor, A. R. Wortham, N. H. Tucker, Hines, Tysor, and Mercer.\* I wish you may be successful.

Yours fraternally,

A. R. WORTHAM.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW, Oct. 21, 1892.

*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Virginia:*

DEAREST BROTHER:—Your letter just received and will write to confirm your opinion of Daniels and Rowland. You met them both in Richmond. As for their leaving college soon—Harrison is, I think, a Freshman. Houston and Daniels are both likely to be connected with the college for several years yet. Rowland and Davis are only Juniors. Besides, Daniels wrote that he had others in view.

I am glad that you are enthusiastic in the matter, for I earnestly believe that K. S. could not do better than to grant this charter.

I am in daily expectation of a letter from Daniels, and will write you all particulars. Let me know developments and I will try to get off to help "goat" them.

Fraternally yours,

FRED HARPER.

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\*There is good reason to believe that Thos. Taylor, A. R. Wortham, and N. H. Tucker were the only men initiated by Bro. James H. Durham on his trip to Trinity in 1873 for the purpose of establishing the old Eta Chapter. Hines, Tysor, and Mercer may have been initiated by Thos. Taylor, A. R. Wortham, and N. H. Tucker at their first meeting after Bro. Durham left, and, in that sense, may have been considered charter members by the first three initiates.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DURHAM, N. C.,  
October 28, 1892.

*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Va.:*

MY DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 20th came to hand a few days ago.

Since writing to our old comrade Harper, one of the fellows has left College—Rowland. We do not want to petition with Harrison, as he is a new man whom we do not know well as yet.

If the old Eta Prime Chapter can be revived by us—with four men, we would be highly honored by being accepted.

We are very desirous of becoming K. S.'s and would be glad if you could get us a Chapter through. The men will be: D. A. Houston, '91, Post-graduate work; F. B. Davis, '94; F. G. Westbrook, '94; Tom Daniels, '91, Law.

If a fifth man is required, we can get one, but would prefer the establishment with the above four, as we desire to fill our ranks with good men from the Fresh classes.

I remember very well the R. M. students at Richmond, and hope to be honored by being permitted to become a fraternity mate of at least one of that number.

Very truly yours,

TOM C. DANIELS.

NORTH DANVILLE, VA., Oct. 28, 1892

*Mr. T. C. Daniels, Trinity College:*

MY DEAR SIR:—Your esteemed favor of the 27th inst. is at hand and in reply thereto will say: Although sorry to learn that Rowland has left college, yet a charter may be granted to four, and we will be glad to revive old Eta Chapter through yourself, together with Messrs. Houston, Davis and Westbrook.

I enclose herewith a form of petition which you will please sign and have each of the other three to sign it, after which you will forward it to me, and upon receipt of same I will proceed at once to put it through the proper course, and will lose no time in drawing up the charter. I would impress upon you the importance of attending to this at once, since we wish to have the Chapter in running order as soon as possible.

Awaiting an early reply from you, I am, with regards,

Yours truly,

HERBERT M. MARTIN,

Worthy Grand Scribe.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DURHAM, N. C.,

October 29, 1892.

*Mr. Herbert M. Martin, Danville, Va.:*

MY DEAR SIR:—Yours to hand. We will file the petition as soon as Mr. Westbrook returns from home, where he has gone to register and vote. We could sign for him, but as you desire the signatures we will await his return.

Another matter—Last fall Harper, Houston, Davis and I were placed on a petition to the Phi Gamma Deltas [*there is good reason to believe that Phi Delta Theta is meant for Phi Gamma Delta*]*—*which charter was withheld until the institution reached Durham.

Houston, Davis and I withdrew from the petition; and Harper, going to the University of Virginia, became a K. S. Now what we desire to know is if that will interfere with our petition to you.

We were added to the other petition when it was held over for a year. We withdrew and desire a Chapter of the Kappa Sigma instead.

I thought it best to explain this matter, so that you would see our previous condition.

Will send on petition as soon as Westbrook returns.

Yours very truly,

TOM C. DANIELS.

In *The Caduceus* of January, 1893, appeared the following by Herbert M. Martin:

Immediately after the Conclave in October, the S. E. C. were informed by Bro. Fred Harper (Z), who was formerly a student at Trinity, that several of his most intimate friends there were desirous of entering K. S. and reviving the Chapter which had existed there from 1873-1879. The men were communicated with and in due time a petition was forwarded to the S. E. C., bearing the signatures of Thomas Cowper Daniels, Frank Bettis Davis, David Anderson Houston, and Frank Gibbons Westbrook, who were properly recommended and vouched for by Bro. Harper. The Supreme Executive Committee, being satisfied that the petitioners were worthy and well qualified to become men of the fraternity, . . . granted the petition, and accordingly on November 30th issued a duplicate to the original charter, which bore the name of Thomas Taylor, A. R. Wortham, N. H. Tucker, P. F. Hines, George D. Tysor and William P. Mercer, and date of February 3, 1873.

I wired Trinity that I would be there on December 1st. I was met in Greensboro by Brother W. W. Morris, '92, of Delta, and together we journeyed on to Durham, where we were warmly welcomed by the prospective members.

Bro. J. D. McDowell came over from Davidson College on the noon train, and we found ourselves three strong, and fully capable of handling the "goats," even

though three of them were football players, and consequently men of considerable size.

We were fortunate in securing the hall of the Knights of Pythias for the initiation, and six stalwart knights were ushered through the XXXXXX, there having been added to the four petitioners two others, Luther Thompson Hartsell, '94, and Sterling Blackwell Pierce, '95.

It gives me pleasure to introduce to the fraternity the revived Eta Prime, and I am sure a cordial welcome awaits the Chapter at the hands of all.

From the standpoint of the fraternity this Chapter was not considered *sub rosa*, as the chapter letter appeared regularly in *The Caduceus*, and no secrecy of the existence of the Chapter was preserved by the S. E. C. But from the standpoint of the college and of the general body of students the existence of the Chapter was *sub rosa*. Even the latter statement needs qualification, for after a short while the suspicion became prevalent of the existence of Greek letter fraternities in college. As time passed on this suspicion grew into a certainty and finally into actual knowledge. At this time a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was also living in college, their chapter having been revived at Old Trinity in 1890. It was commonly understood among students and Faculty that both Kappa Sigma and Alpha Tau Omega had chapters in Trinity College.

**SEMI-SUB ROSA  
STATUS OF  
FRATERNITIES**





THE "OWLS"

- |          |       |        |          |          |           |
|----------|-------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Caviness | James | Turner | Houston* | Whitaker | Hartsell* |
| Davis*   | James | Long   | Harper*  | Daniel*  | Rowland   |
|          |       |        | Winstead | Armfield |           |

\*Became a Kappa Sigma





However, one phase of the fraternity life at Trinity was strictly *sub rosa*. This was the personnel of the members. Only one member of Eta Prime wore the badge, and this was Daniels. He was a post-graduate at this time, and was, of course, at liberty to wear the emblem. But no other member of the Chapter made himself known as such, and hence, membership was strictly secret. Of course, under such conditions there was much curiosity among the students as to who the Greek letter men were, but the mystery remained unsolved.

A good example of how faithfully this feature was preserved is found in the following episode, which occurred in the spring of 1893: Samuel W. Sparger had been initiated into Kappa Sigma in April, 1893, and sometime during the same session Ernest J. Green had been initiated into Alpha Tau Omega. Both were members of the Freshman Class and warm personal friends, but neither knew that the other was a fraternity man. Soon after Sparger's initiation a jeweler came to Durham, and Sparger purchased a badge, but kept it in his trunk almost all the time. One day a short time before commencement Sparger and Green were going down town together, and the conversation drifted to the much discussed question of the existence of fraternities in college. Both hesitated to confess any definite knowledge on the subject, but suddenly by a sort

of mental telepathy each suspected the other, and by common consent each produced from his pocket a fraternity badge, one a Star and Crescent, the other a Maltese Cross.

Another episode occurred during the same session which shows how the President of the college and the Faculty were cognizant of conditions. One day a member of Kappa Sigma, upon returning to his room, found an envelope under his door containing a notice to appear at the President's office. This was the method then used by the President to signify to a student his desire for a conference with him. Upon receiving this summons the student went to the office where President Crowell took him to task for a very trivial affair. The student made a satisfactory explanation and was about to leave, supposing the interview at an end, whereupon the president said:

"Well, one moment, please. Are you a member of any Greek letter fraternity?"

"Yes, sir," after a momentary hesitation.

"Of what fraternity are you a member?"

"Kappa Sigma," answered the student.

"Who are the other members of this fraternity?" asked the President.

"I cannot tell you this, sir, as I do not care for them to become known."

"Do you not know, Mr. —, that it is the

spirit of Trinity College not to allow the existence of secret fraternities?"

"Yes, sir, but the existence seems to be no secret."

"Well, if I ask you to resign from this fraternity, will you comply?"

"No, sir."

"Well, sir, I will bring this matter before the Board of Trustees at their next meeting, and it is possible that your resignation from college will be demanded, unless you resign from the fraternity. In this case what will you do?"

"I shall resign from the college, sir."

With this the President sought to draw out the freshman concerning the object of the existence of the chapter. Not being eminently successful, he exclaimed:

"Oh, I was a member of a secret society at Yale, I know your purpose. You exist to have your secret blow-outs, feeds, banquets, and wine suppers."

The student then told the President that, while no doubt, in his society at Yale such customs were followed, in Trinity College Chapter of Kappa Sigma no such features were tolerated, or ever had been tolerated.

In fact, the Chapter at that time had a by-law which forbade any member to come into the chapter hall under the influence of intoxicants, or with any upon his person. A fine of \$5.00

was imposed for any offense even to the extent of a brother's having a flask in his pocket. It is also a matter of fact that this rule was carried out literally, and only once was there any approach to its violation. This was in the case of a visiting brother who, upon approaching the chapter hall, made it known that he had a flask of liquor in his pocket, and accordingly, before he was allowed to enter, he was compelled to leave it behind.

As time went on, however, the secrecy of the membership in Greek letter fraternities could not be kept. In 1894, Dr. John C. Kilgo became

**ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF  
ALPHA-MU**

president of the college. He himself is a member of Kappa Alpha (Southern), and, understanding students as well as fraternity activity, was soon pretty well acquainted with the fraternity situation. On June 3, 1893, a sister chapter, Alpha-Mu, at the University of North Carolina, had been established, the charter members being initiated in the Knights of Pythias Hall at Durham, with Eta Prime men for sole sponsors. The active members for that session, 1892-93, the first session of the revived Eta Prime, were twelve in number, and they all participated in the ceremonies of this occasion. Alpha Tau Omega also had a chapter at the University of North Carolina, and it became quite customary for the members of these chapters to come to

Durham, a distance of twelve miles, periodically for the purpose of meeting with their respective "bunches" at Trinity. Since Dr. Kilgo is a man of keen perception, these visible signs of fraternity activity were not lost upon him.

President Kilgo, although understanding the situation thoroughly, did not consider the existence of the Greek letter chapters legal, as the spirit incident to the anti-fraternity agitation at Trinity, in 1879, still determined the attitude of the college towards Greek letter societies. From this standpoint the fraternities were still *sub rosa*, and his idea was that any fraternity was *sub rosa*, whether it did or did not proclaim itself publicly, so long as it was existing contrary to the spirit of the college, or so long as it was not officially recognized by the college. Things went on in this manner while Dr. Kilgo kept close watch on all movements.

At Commencement of 1900, Dr. Kilgo was unwell, so the Board of Trustees met in his private study at his residence on the campus. On this Board of Trustees were several fraternity men, some of whom were A. T. O.'s, and two Kappa Sigmas. The Kappa Sigmas were Rev. Thomas Neal Ivey, '79, and Dr. Edmund Thomas White, '78. It appears from the events that actually took place that the A. T. O. Chapter had planned for a banquet at this Commencement. Many of the alumni were informed and appeared

for the occasion. Of course, this intention on the part of the A. T. O. Chapter was not supposed to be publicly known. But Dr. Kilgo had fully divined their purpose. Accordingly, in the

**ACTION OF  
BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES**

course of events in the session of the Board of Trustees, the question of the existence of fraternities in the college was brought up. At this juncture the President of the college took the floor. He stated to the Board that their position was fallacious on this subject. He reminded them that the Trustees were supposed to have placed fraternities under a ban at Trinity, that they met year by year in the knowledge that secret Greek orders existed in the college, and did nothing to relieve the situation; he further stated that several members of the Board itself were about to disregard the very rules which they themselves were supposed to sanction. He told them that, while they were in attendance upon this meeting, their dress suits were cleaned, pressed and lay waiting in their suitcases to be donned that night for the purpose of attending a fraternity banquet in the college. This remark caused general laughter.

President Kilgo then proceeded to state to the Board his personal position in the matter. He said that he himself was a member of a Greek letter fraternity and that for him to enforce rigidly an anti-fraternity policy would be incon-

sistent on his part as he saw it; that to carry out such a policy conscientiously he would feel compelled to give up his fraternity association,—a thing which he said he did not intend to do. He then made the motion before the meeting to withdraw the policy of opposition to secret orders. This motion was passed.

Thus the Commencement of 1900 is the date of the official reëstablishment of Eta Prime Chapter from the standpoint of the college. From this until the present time Kappa Sigma and other secret orders have enjoyed the recognition of the college authorities. Upon such organizations no great number of iron-bound restrictions or curtailment of privileges is placed. The first requirement of any organization at Trinity College is to have a worthy object and secondly to obey such rules as are passed for its own good by the authorities in control. And never since the dawning of this new century has secrecy been considered a collegiate crime or held as a bar to the attainment of a worthy object at this institution.

In accordance with their intentions, the Alpha Tau Omega held their banquet that commencement at the Carolina Hotel. As the action of the Trustees was taken, so to speak, at the eleventh hour, there was no time for a fraternity which had not already made its arrangements to have a banquet. Hence Kappa Sigma did not



make its official "debut" until the following commencement, at which time she gave her first banquet under the new régime. Since that time Eta Prime has never failed to hold her annual banquet during the last week of the college session.

As soon as it was publicly known that anti-fraternity restrictions were removed, Trinity College was at once considered a good field for chapters of other orders. Accordingly the following year two new Greek letter chapters were founded. Kappa Alpha (Southern) was established on October 18, 1901, and Pi Kappa Alpha on November 30, 1901. No opposition was felt towards these, as both of the older chapters felt that there was room for other societies of like order at Trinity. During the next session, 1902-03, a Junior order called the "Tombs" was organized, which is of peculiar interest to Eta Prime, inasmuch as one of her men, Lemuel Hardy Gibbons, '04, wrote almost its entire ritual. This society, presumably, was designed to level, in the general round of college life, all real or imaginary barriers between fraternity and non-fraternity men, and for purposes of good fellowship. The "Tombs" has maintained a high and distinctive standing in the college community.

After official recognition of fraternities by the Trustees, Eta Prime continued very active. The



following year a neighboring college, the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, petitioned the S. E. C. for a charter from Kappa Sigma. This charter was granted, and on February 23, 1903, nine members of Eta Prime went to Raleigh, N. C., where the A. & M. College is situated, and were sponsors at the installation of the new chapter under the name of Beta-Upsilon. The existence of Beta-Upsilon and Alpha-Mu gives Eta Prime two near neighbors and the very best of brotherly feeling has always marked their relationship.

It cannot be said with exactness that the existence of the fraternities at Trinity College has been altogether unmolested by any anti-fraternity activity, for at different times more or less friction between the fraternity and non-fraternity men has shown itself, although this feeling has pervaded the general student body in only a few instances. Peace between the two elements has reigned, indeed, most of the time. An example of the general status of affairs is given by the following statement of a former student: "When I entered Trinity College in the fall of 1903, there was some anti-frat feeling perceptible. I did not join a fraternity until the spring term. During the period between the time I

entered college and the time I joined the fraternity, I was approached by two or three non-fraternity men, on different occasions, who solicited my vote as a member of the Freshman Class and as a member of one of the literary societies. They stated to me that I should not vote for any fraternity man, since I was not one of them, and sometimes they gave other reasons."

One Sunday morning in October, 1904, there were found distributed about the campus, especially in the Duke Building, a number of anonymous circulars of white glazed paper, about nine by sixteen inches in size, on which was printed a very bitter attack against the fraternities. An adequate idea of this circular can be gained from its head lines given below:

THE CORRUPTION IN THE FRATERNITIES  
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

THE LOW NATURE OF THESE FRATERNITIES. THE GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGNESS OF THEIR MEMBERS. THEY TRY TO PREDOMINATE WITH THEIR UNITED FORCE BOTH SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY. SOCIAL DISTINCTION THEIR PURPOSE, BUT LICENTIOUSNESS THEIR END. THEY REFORM THEIR DRUNKARDS BY GIVING THEM WINE TO DRINK AT THEIR RECEPTIONS. OTHER COLLEGES HAVE DISCARDED THEM. DR. KILGO EXPRESSES SENTIMENT AGAINST THEM.

This circular of protest was supposed to have been printed at Raleigh during the State Fair. The writer or writers were never found out with certainty, since every precaution had been

taken to conceal their identity. Of course, some degree of excitement followed from the reading of these circulars by the student body, and a few rash statements were made by some of the fraternity men, but on further consideration they decided that it was better "to treat it with silent contempt." It is certain that the student body did not sanction the contents of this circular, for they immediately called a meeting and passed resolutions denouncing the author and the spirit of the circular. Dr. Kilgo, during the following week, took occasion to state to each of the Bible classes, which were the only classes he taught, that the publishing of such a paper without signing it was a cowardly act, that he hoped he would never know the author, and that one thing was quite certain that when a chapter had an unworthy member no one was more conscious of it than the chapter itself. In the wake of the above related incidents there followed more harmony than ever between the two elements in college. No expression to confirm the spirit of the circular ever came to light till the whole episode was forgotten.

After the "circular" episode, as has been related, there was a reaction. One form of this is noticeable in the general fraternity feeling which

**THETA NU  
EPSILON**

seemed generally to take root. Unconfirmed reports were frequent of other Greek orders entering college. Many believed that these were being chartered and were existing *sub rosa*. It was a matter of weekly occurrence for it to be whispered that such and such a club or "bunch" had petitioned some fraternity or other. There is no reasonable doubt that there were petitions for charters at this time, but up to the present there has been only one evidence that any were ever granted. This was in the case of Theta Nu Epsilon. During the session of 1905-06 it became evident that Theta Nu Epsilon would enter college. It is probable that men were bid from all four of the general fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma. In the case of Kappa Sigma it is a matter of fact. But in compliance with the resolution passed at the St. Louis Conclave, 1904, no Kappa Sigma accepted this invitation. As both Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha have similar regulations, the membership of the new chapter was confined to Pi Kappa Alphas and non-fraternity men. The chapter was short-lived. As far as it is known no one was ever invited into the new chapter after its establishment. There is good reason to believe that the Faculty, after looking into Theta Nu Epsilon fully, advised the charter members not to initiate any more men.

No doubt the first few days of February each year are of more interest to the fraternity men at Trinity College than any other part of the year, with the possible exception of Commencement. Initiation of first year students before the first of February has been prohibited by the college authorities since September, 1903. Our Chapter has always had a number of new men to initiate about the first of February each year.

These annual initiations have been made part of the features of District IV's annual meetings. The idea of these meetings at Durham was suggested to Eta Prime by Bro.

#### **MEETINGS OF DISTRICT IV**

Hugh T. Shockley, in the fall of 1905, while on a visit to this Chapter. The members of the Chapter were eager to have this idea developed into a real thing of success, and accordingly appointed a committee to make arrangements for the same. The first meeting of District IV was held in the Knights of Pythias Hall on February 3, 1906. Besides the members of Eta Prime and the Durham, Concord, and Kinston Alumni, there were present Herbert M. Martin, W. G. S.; Stanley W. Martin, W. G. T.; Hugh T. Shockley, D. G. M. of District IV, and several representatives from Beta-Upsilon, Alpha-Mu, Delta, and Alpha-Nu. The morning session of the meeting was a business one, during which reports were read from each chapter of the District, questions of interest

were discussed by the D. G. M. and others, and much sound advice was given by the members of the S. E. C. who were present. In the afternoon the visiting brothers were shown about the city of Durham and Trinity College, until the initiation began about six o'clock in the afternoon. This initiation was conducted by a picked team of alumni and the D. G. M. Just after the initiation a flashlight photograph of those present was taken. The meeting then adjourned to the Carrolina Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, toasts were given, and hearty yells and songs were indulged in.

The history of the meetings of District IV in 1907 and 1908 is more or less a repetition of the history of 1906, except that to each meeting some new feature has been added and each has had the advantage over the previous one in enthusiasm and results obtained. A minute account of these district meetings can be found in the files of *The Caduceus* and in the Eta Prime scrap-book. On account of the central location of our college and the conveniences of the city of Durham, it has been easier for these meetings to be held with Eta Prime than with any other chapter of the District, and the members of the Chapter have always been glad to try their utmost to make these meetings a success in every particular.

Although Eta Prime has always been accustomed to communicate by letters with certain of

her alumni at various intervals, in accordance with the resolutions passed by the S. E. C. and published in *The Star and Crescent* of September, 1905, the Chapter has issued a circular letter to her alumni every session since, and including that of 1905-06. The first letter, dated April 2, 1906, contains among other things an announcement of the first meeting of District IV which had just been held. These letters have made the active Chapter feel a closer relationship to her alumni. In fact, the effect of these letters in this regard has been reciprocal, and it is to be hoped that the custom of sending them out has become well enough established to endure.

One of the chief events of fraternity life at Trinity College is the annual banquet held during Commencement week. All the fraternities look forward to this occasion as the crowning feature of the college year, and there is always more or less rivalry among the fraternities at this time. Commencement is the gala week at Trinity. Prominent public speakers are procured for this occasion, and the college is practically given over to numerous social events and other exercises. Many of the alumni of the college return at this time to participate in one or more of the events, and in the bringing back of the alumni at Commencement the fraternity ban-

**LETTERS TO  
ALUMNI**

**COMMENCE-  
MENT BAN-  
QUETS**



quets play no small part. The college authorities appreciate and encourage the work of the fraternities and look on the annual banquets with favor.

The custom of holding annual banquets began at the Commencement of 1900. From 1892 to 1900 the Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma fraternities existed at Trinity College in a semi-*sub rosa* state, and in the latter year the Board of Trustees of the college removed the ban from these organizations. As has been said, the Alpha Tau Omega had previously arranged to have a banquet that year. Eta Prime gave her first banquet at Commencement, 1901. Brother Samuel W. Sparger was the manager of this happy occasion. The banquet was a great success. Each succeeding banquet has been well appointed in every respect and Eta Prime feels that she has always been unsurpassed on such occasions. The loyal alumni of our Chapter have always shown a disposition to be liberal with their contributions, and to favor these occasions with their presence and oratory.

Eta Prime gives her banquet each Commencement on Monday night. Before the Carrolina Hotel was destroyed by fire, May 1, 1907, the banquet was always given there. At the Commencement of that year, through the kindness of Miss Anne Roney, Fair View, the residence of





CHAPTER GROUP 1907-8

Laney  
White  
R. D. Körner

Berghäuser  
Sutler  
Cheatham

Armfield  
G. Körner  
C. D. Gray

Chatham  
Woodard  
Mahoney

Lane  
G. A. Gray, Jr.  
Daniels

Winslow  
Whitaker  
Ashbury



the late Washington Duke, was thrown open to the Chapter for the banquet.

There are always about thirty-five couples in attendance at these banquets, besides one or more members invited from the Faculty and several other invited guests. Many brother Kappa Sigmas, and young ladies from all parts of the State have always enjoyed these banquets with us. Representatives from Alpha-Mu, Beta-Upsilon, and Delta have been present on many of these occasions.

In 1904, four of the sophomores of the Chapter were suspended from the college just before Commencement for engaging in a hazing episode in which a sophomore was shot and seriously injured by a freshman. The absence of these men was noticeable at the banquet, since their aid as escorts was needed badly.

The banquet of 1906 was perhaps the most costly and elaborate in the history of the Chapter. The Board of Trustees saw fit in 1907 to place a limit on the cost of the banquets, and especially on the cost of favors. A committee was appointed from the Faculty to consult with representatives from the four fraternities in order to get an idea of what a conservative banquet should cost. This was done and a limit was promptly placed on the fraternities in this regard. Eta Prime has no desire to evade these regulations in any way, but she endeavors to keep

the annual banquet up to the high standard handed down by the old men.

A better idea of these banquets is furnished by the following clipping, which is a part of an account from one of the State papers, *The Charlotte Daily Observer*, of June 9, 1907:

“The Kappa Sigma banquet was given at Fair View, the beautiful and hospitable home of Miss Anne Roney, on West Main street, Durham, N. C. The lawn about the house was decorated in very artistic style with Japanese lanterns and red, white and green electric lights, these colors being those of the Fraternity. Inside the home the color scheme was also well carried out, and the streamers of crepe paper arranged artistically about the doors, the walls and chandeliers made a pretty scheme. The entire first floor was thrown into one apartment and a merry throng of brave young men and lovely young women filled every nook and corner.

“The banquet table extended the length of the hall and dining room with cross sections extending into the music room and drawing room. American beauties, red and white carnations, sweet peas and smilax were the chief decorations, making the table a veritable ‘thing of beauty.’ The menu cards were enclosed in dainty lizard skin card cases with the Kappa Sigma Caduceus, done in gilt, on them. Miniature Dresden china pianos contained bonbons and also represented

the harmony of the occasion. Banks of palms, ferns and roses, and other cut flowers filled every corner, and the whole scene was one of rare loveliness. Dughi, of Raleigh, served the banquet. Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, presided as toast master, and did it in his usual entertaining way. The following were the toasts responded to: 'Eta Prime,' L. G. White, of Portsmouth, Va.; 'The Ladies,' T. W. Smith, Jr., of Petersburg, Va.; 'What Kappa Sigma Means,' Prof. A. H. Meritt, Professor of Greek, Trinity College. Impromptus were given by J. E. Pegram, G. G. Greever and several others. Soon the wee small hours arrived, and after each had given a toast to the kind hearted and hospitable hostess, Miss Roney, the guests departed."

It is almost impossible to give a complete outline of the various activities of each member of the Chapter while in college, or since leaving his Alma Mater, and hence such a thing is not undertaken, but we are sure that a record of these men will compare very favorably with a record of any like number who have been connected with the college. It is a notable fact that no one of Eta Prime's initiates has ever been expelled or has withdrawn from the Fraternity. In all, the Chapter has graduated forty-four men, twenty in the old Eta Chapter and twenty-four in the new Eta Prime. Some of the older members

have sent boys to college who have become Kappa Sigmas in the new Chapter. The members have always shared in all the honors of the different phases of college life—in the literary societies, honorary societies, clubs, college publications, athletic teams, class offices, and Y. M. C. A. We cannot refrain from saying that our men have attained success of which we are justly proud. Not only is this true of the men while in college, but today throughout the South, and especially in North Carolina, these men are keeping up their excellent records. We find them as physicians, judges, lawyers, legislators, college professors, newspaper men, bankers, business men and leaders in their respective communities. We find them doing their share in making the world a better place, not only for Kappa Sigmas, but also for mankind in general.

## CHAPTER ROLL

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NAME	INITIATED 1873	ADDRESS
Thomas Taylor,		Townesville, N. C.
Adolphus Richard Wortham,		
	Died November 4, 1897.	
Ned H. Tucker,		
	Died April 9, 1889.	
George David Tysor,		Wadley, Ga.
Julius L. Holmes,		
	Died ....., .....	
William Anderson Thomas,		Bartow, Ga.
Thomas Edward Kirkpatrick,		Charlotte, N. C.
Rufus Bascom Kearns,		
	Died January 4, 1893.	
James Williamson Dillon,		Thomasville, Ga.
Peter Edmund Hines,		Cambridge, Md.
William Parker Mercer,		Elm City, N. C.
Edward Bascom Claywell,		Morganton, N. C.
James Lucius Craven,		
	Died November 12, 1885.	
Sherrod Thomas Hall,		Sandersville, Ga.
	INITIATED 1874	
James F. Tanner,		
	Died ....., .....	
R. B. Barefoot,		
	Died ....., .....	
Herbert Milton Barrow,		Concord, N. C.
Herbert Edmund Norris,		Raleigh, N. C.
Paul J. Carraway,		
	Died January 28, 1900.	
Robert Henry Hargrove,		Robertsonville, N. C.



NAME	INITIATED 1874	ADDRESS
William Streety Hales,		Ansonville, N. C.
John D. Hargrove,		Tarboro, N. C.
William Parsons Ivey,		Lenoir, N. C.
Charles North Mason,		Harlow, N. C.
Edmund Thomas White,		Oxford, N. C.

## INITIATED 1875

Robert Oscar Grant,		Wrightsville, N. C.
Alexander M. Long,		Rockingham, N. C.
John A. Morgan,		Washington, D. C.
Robert Paine Pell,		Spartanburg, S. C.
Martin T. Penn,		Floyd, Va.

## INITIATED 1876

Grandison Christian Edwards,		Edwards, S. C.
Yancey Thomas Ormond,		Kinston, N. C.
E. Franklin DeBerry,		Mt. Gilead, N. C.
William Haywood Bobbitt,		Indianapolis, Ind.

## INITIATED 1877

William Reynolds Allen,		Goldsboro, N. C.
Thomas Wesley Taylor,		Soudan, Va.
Walter C. Ingram,		Trinity, N. C.

Died at Trinity, N. C.

Thomas Neal Ivey,		Raleigh, N. C.
Frank Haywood Taylor,		Aurelian Springs, N. C.

Died at Aurelian Springs, N. C.

James A. Stallings,		Henderson, N. C.
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Died June 15, 1889.

William Throop Lyon,		Oxford, N. C.
Thomas Davenport Wright,		Durham, N. C.

Died February 25, 1901.

## INITIATED 1878

William Henry Nicholson,		Hickory, N. C.
Edwin Gibbons Moore,		Elm City, N. C.
Thomas Rayburn Pepper,		Winston, N. C.



NAME	INITIATED 1878	ADDRESS
Dabney Belvin Reinhart,	Merrill, Wis.	
Flether D. Biggs,	White's Springs, Fla.	
	Died May 31, 1892.	

B. H. Sharpe,

Died ....., .....

Amos Frederick Becton,	Kinston, N. C.
Daniel Elijah Perry,	Kinston, N. C.
	Died March 27, 1897.

Benjamin Franklin Lane,	Wilson, N. C.
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#### INITIATED 1879

James Clarence Fink,	Concord, N. C.
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#### INITIATED 1892

Thomas Cowper Daniels,	New Bern, N. C.
Frank Bettis Davis,	Morganton, N. C.
David Anderson Houston,	Monroe, N. C.
Frank Gibbons Westbrook,	Bay View, N. C.
Luther Thompson Hartsell,	Concord, N. C.
Sterling Blackwell Pierce,	Weldon, N. C.
John William Daniels,	New Bern, N. C.
Albert Herbert Bangert,	New Bern, N. C.
James Walter Wadsworth,	Charlotte, N. C.

#### INITIATED 1893

Braxton Phifer,	Little Rock, Ark.
Samuel W. Sparger,	Durham, N. C.
William Atlas Finch,	Finch, N. C.
James Franklin Shinn,	Norwood, N. C.
John William McMinn,	Brevard, N. C.
William Alexander Green,	Washington, D. C.
Eugene Charles Rountree,	Kinston, N. C.

#### INITIATED 1894

Graham Woodard,	Wilson, N. C.
Paul Vernon Anderson,	Morganton, N. C.
Thomas Hall Gatlin, Jr.,	Tarboro, N. C.

NAME	INITIATED 1894	ADDRESS
William Lipscombe Dowd,	Columbus, Ga.	
Thomas Arthur Smoot,	Wilmington, N. C.	
INITIATED 1896		
Wade Hampton Anderson,	Wilson, N. C.	
INITIATED 1897		
John Patridge Gibbons,	Wilmington, N. C.	
Stephen Woodard Anderson,	Wilson, N. C.	
George Leonidas Lyon,	Durham, N. C.	
Robert Bruce Etheridge,	Manteo, N. C.	
INITIATED 1900		
Hugh Forest Mims,	Newport, Tenn.	
Hardy Fennel Robinson,	Goldsboro, N. C.	
Charles Augustus Woodard,	Durham, N. C.	
Lemuel Hardy Gibbons,	Wilmington, N. C.	
Wilson Grinter Puryear,	McKenzie, Tenn.	
Matt Hicks Allen,	Kinston, N. C.	
Fred James Forbes,	Greenville, N. C.	
INITIATED 1901		
William Francis Gill,	Durham, N. C.	
James Addison Claywell,	Morganton, N. C.	
Haynes Richard Mahoney,	Fernandina, Fla.	
Thomas Walter Smith, Jr.,	Concord, N. C.	
Richard Earl Jordan,	Durham, N. C.	
Lloyd Sylvester Daniels,	Wanchese, N. C.	
Lawrence Archdale Tomlinson,	Durham, N. C.	
John Wesley Alspaugh, Jr.,	Winston, N. C.	
Daniel Shuford Murph,*	Jamison, S. C.	
INITIATED 1902		
James Guy Asbury,	Charlotte, N. C.	
William Moseley Smith,	Concord, N. C.	
Died June 27, 1907.		
Robert Anderson Brown,	Raleigh, N. C.	

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NAME	INITIATED 1902	ADDRESS
Charles Gibbons,		Hamlet, N. C.
Lloyd Kirby Wooten,		Kinston, N. C.
William Archer Brown,		Concord, N. C.
INITIATED 1903		
Henry Clay Carter,		Fairfield, N. C.
John Cooper Winslow,*		Harriman, Tenn.
INITIATED 1904		
Gilmer Körner, Jr.,		Kernersville, N. C.
John Gilmer Dawson, Jr.,		Kinston, N. C.
Lloyd Murphy LaRoque,		Kinston, N. C.
John Clyde Bostian,		Albemarle, N. C.
John Reuben Woodard, Jr.,		Fayetteville, Tenn.
INITIATED 1905		
James Willis Bagby,		Hickory, N. C.
Gustavus Garland Greever,		Carthage, Mo.
Emsley Armfield,		Monroe, N. C.
John Mack Holland,		Gastonia, N. C.
William Alexander Goodson,		Kinston, N. C.
INITIATED 1906		
Leon McTyeire Johnston,		Littleton, N. C.
Joe Albert Hartsell,		Concord, N. C.
Thomas Bayton Suiter,		Garysburg, N. C.
Henry Lilly Smith,		Concord, N. C.
Daniel Elijah Perry,		Kinston, N. C.
Edwin Buchanan Lyon,		Durham, N. C.
Luther Gehrman White,		Portsmouth, Va.
Charles Robey Claywell,		Morganton, N. C.
INITIATED 1907		
Romulus Alonzo Whitaker, Jr.,		Kinston, N. C.
John Edward Pegram,		Durham, N. C.
Samuel Jenning Asbury, Jr.,		Charlotte, N. C.
George Alexander Gray, Jr.,		Gastonia, N. C.

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NAME	INITIATED 1907	ADDRESS
Forrest Unfa Lake, Jr.,		Florence, S. C.
Julian Jay Lane,		Wilson, N. C.
Lewis Sneed Sasser,		Durham, N. C.
Robert Gaffney Laney,		Monroe, N. C.

## INITIATED 1908

Richard Montgomery Norment,		Lumberton, N. C.
Russell DeLessepp Körner,		Kernersville, N. C.
Charles Dowd Gray,		Gastonia, N. C.
Maynard Preston Daniels,		Wanchese, N. C.
Donald Furman Cheatham,		Norfolk, Va.
Thomas Daniel Chatham,		Elkin, N. C.
Albert Sartor Berghäuser,		Fulton, Mo.
Wilbur Alexander Mahoney,		Fernandina, Fla.

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